

Senior Center Armchair Travel Programs

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Fourth Friday of each month

Presented by staff from the Mary Riley Styles Public Library in conjunction with the Falls Church Senior Citizen Center at the Center.

January 27, 2012: The Balkans (Running time: 55 minutes) Come visit Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Montenegro with us. We'll stop in capital cities, visit a farming festival and a museum that was dug out of a tunnel dug out during the siege of Sarajevo, mountains, and then raft the Tara River Canyon, a World Heritage site. This Globe Trekker travelogue visits places we have heard of, but never visited---so join us for an easy trip!

February 24, 2012: The Rhine & Danube (Running time: approximately 48 minutes). In the mood for a cruise? Join us as we drift along the Rhine, one of the world's great rivers. It starts in the Swiss Alps and flows for 865 miles through six European countries. We'll visit the world's oldest distillery in Amsterdam, savor 3,000 years of chocolate in Cologne's chocolate museum, admire Koblenz's bizarre statues and comical clocks, and learn about the unique history of Heidelberg's Church of the Holy Spirit. Then, we're off to enjoy a cruise down the Danube. We begin in Budapest and proceed with stops at Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, and stop to listen to a classical music concert in Vienna. Then off we go to the magnificent Melk Abbey, Linz, home of the oldest pastry recipe in the world. Lots of other stops await us as we cruise along two of the most beautiful rivers in the world--so come join us!

March 23, 2012: Holland & Belgium (Running time: 48 minutes)
We join Burt Wolf as he visits Holland in tulip time. We begin in Amsterdam, where we visit a unique houseboat museum, then witness how windmills actually work, and see how gemstones are cut in Antwerp, the epicenter of the diamond trade. You may be awestruck by the Belfry of Ghent with its 52-bell carillon and Bruges' town hall, the oldest in Belgium. More Holland is served up—Edam cheeses, Stroopwafels, and then the feast for the eyes: tulip fields, old buildings, a bustling harbor, Keukenhof Gardens, and finally, a look at the Delta Works, a marvel of engineering considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

April 27, 2012: Stockholm & Sweden; Oslo & Norway (Running time: 100 minutes)
We join Rudy Maxa as he travels through the cities and countryside of Sweden and Norway. Please note the longer length of the film.

May 25, 2012: France's Champagne Region; France's Normandy (Running time: 100 minutes). We join Rudy Maxa as he travels through the cities and countryside of France's Normandy and Champagne regions. Please note the longer length of this film.

June 22, 2012: Turkey 2 (Running time: 50 minutes) A Globe Trekker film
Turkey is where East meets West culturally. We begin in the historical town of Konya, visit the ancient mosques and markets and then follow the coastline of the Aegean Sea to Adana, home of the largest mosque between Istanbul and Saudi Arabia. We'll visit: southeastern Anatolia, with its dynamic landscapes; Gaziantep with its buzzing café culture and melting pot of cultural design; finally, on to Diyarbakr, an epicenter of Kurdish culture. Sit back and enjoy Turkey's vast landscapes, cities, and gain insight into this incredibly diverse country.